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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1882.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES C. SEWALL.

Selectmen.

B. F. SHUMWAY. G. W. KINGSBURY. OLIVER CLIFFORD.

Assessors.

W. F. GUILD. H. WIGHT. R. A. BATTELLE.

Overseers of the Poor.

G. W. KINGSBURY. A. E. MASON. C. E. BAKER.

Treasurer.

R. A. BATTELLE (by appointment).

Collector.

M. H. JOHNSON.

Auditor.

THOMAS L. BARNEY.

School Committee.

J. B. HALE,	Term expires 1884.
W. S. TILDEN,	“ “ 1883.
W. F. GUILD,	“ “ 1885.

Board of Health.

DR. J. H. RICHARDSON. DR. C. M. FULLER. J. M. HEWINS.

Surveyors of Highways.

C. H. RUSSELL.	H. G. CROSBY.	A. B. PARKER.
G. W. KINGSBURY.	HAMLET WIGHT.	JOHN G. HUTSON.

Constables.

H. F. BULLARD.	BENNETT WILSON.
R. W. SHERMAN.	GEORGE R. KEYES.

Trustees Public Library.

J. H. RICHARDSON,	Term expires 1885.
W. S. TILDEN,	“ “ 1885.
CHARLES HAMANT,	“ “ 1885.
GEORGE R. CHASE,	“ “ 1884.

Trustees School Fund.

ISAAC FISKE.

J. H. BAKER.

HAMLET WIGHT.

Fence Viewers.

H. F. BULLARD.

J. M. HEWINS.

R. A. BATTELLE.

Sexton.

A. B. PARKER.

Cemetery Committee.

SELECTMEN AND SEXTON.

Field Drivers.

W. E. KINGSBURY.

E. B. CODDING.

G. R. CHASE.

GEORGE G. BABCOCK.

L. C. BULLARD.

J. P. COLTMAN.

T. A. LEEDS.

C. M. FULLER.

Pound Keeper.

GEORGE D. HAMANT.

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN.

Engineers.

F. E. MASON.

JOHN W. SHUMWAY.

A. B. PARKER.

Measurer of Wood and Sealer of Weights and Measures.

THOMAS L. BARNEY.

Weighers.

T. L. BARNEY.

JOHN ORD, JR.

Police.

SOLON CURTIS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen of Medfield respectfully present the Annual Report of the finances of the town for the year ending Jan. 31, 1883 :—

Total receipts by Treasurer, \$19,487.46

PAYMENT BY TREASURER.

Paid F. D. Ellis, note in full,	\$2,000.00
Catharine Hartshorn, note in full,	100.00
Catharine Hartshorn, note in full,	50.00
Polly Russell, note in full,	100.00
Trustees of School Fund, note in part,	1,800.00
	<u>\$4,050.00</u>

INTEREST.

Paid F. D. Ellis,	\$48.00
C. Hartshorn,	7.67
C. Hartshorn,	2.00
Polly Russell,	8.61
Trustees of School Fund,	204.88
	<u>\$269.16</u>

271.16

STATE AID.

Paid Mary A. Kingsbury,	\$48.00
Mary A. Howard,	48.00
Cyrus D. Strang,	50.50
	<u>\$146.50</u>

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Paid E. G. Babcock, \$79.25

TEACHING SCHOOLS.

Paid C. F. Merrick,	\$207.00
C. N. Bentley,	480.00
Miss E. M. Bowers,	341.00
Miss L. D. Richards,	327.00
Mrs. A. B. Dunn,	363.00
Miss Ellen Clifford,	150.00
C. E. Griffin,	260.00
Miss Lucy A. Russell,	45.00
Miss Jennie Clark,	8.00
	<u>\$2,181.00</u>

FUEL, CARE, AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Geo. Miller, care of North School-house, . . .	\$30.75
E. A. Wheeler, freight on furnace Centre School, . . .	1.05
R. Cole, wood for South School,	4.50
J. B. Hale, travel, postage, and stationery, . . .	36.60
G. M. Gilmore, care of South School-house, . . .	14.00
Wm. R. Smith, on account of schools,	4.50
Gould & Co., coal for Centre School,	150.00
A. E. Mason, wood for North School,	31.00
John Ord, care of Centre School-house,	125.75
Gould & Co., on account of schools,	35.25
J. A. Fitts, for supplies,45
J. B. Hale, five yards B cloth for School-room, . .	6.25
D. Hoisington, for supplies,	6.21
W. S. Tilden, for procuring teacher,	2.00
W. S. Tilden, for arranging room,	3.00
W. S. Tilden, for tuning organ,	1.50
James Ord, for supplies,	21.60
Mrs. Phelps, care of South School-house,	4.25
W. F. Guild, wood for South School,	27.00
James Ord, stove and funnel for Centre,	17.00
James Ord, stove and funnel for North School, . .	11.00
	<u>\$533.66</u>

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid H. F. Bullard, repairs on Centre House, . . .	\$2.65
C. F. Frost, repairs on pump,	2.00
N. F. Harding, stock and labor on North School-house,	185.12
L. Babcock, stock and labor,	2.18
	<u>\$191.95</u>

Balance to the credit of schools, Feb. 1, 1882,	\$1,274.73
Appropriation by the Town,	2,400.00
Income of State School Fund,	168.65
Income of Town School Fund,	224.05
	<u>\$4,067.43</u>
Expended for Schools,	2,714.66
Balance to Credit of Schools, Feb. 1, 1883,	<u>\$1,352.77</u>

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Paid John G. Hutson,	\$211.25
A. B. Parker,	223.10
H. G. Crosby,	196.55
G. W. Kingsbury,	180.33
C. H. Russell,	198.00
Hamlet Wight,	192.12
	<u>\$1,201.35</u>

BRIDGES.

Paid Hamlet Wight, relaying bridge on Phillips Street,	\$64.97
B. F. Shumway, post for railing,	18.40
A. E. Mason, posts for railing,	25.07
H. Wight, posts for railing,	8.76
G. W. Kingsbury, setting railing and grading,	82.49
N. F. Harding, stock and labor,	55.39
N. F. Harding, 3,080 ft. boards,	64.67
G. W. Kingsbury, railing on Bridge Street,	7.57
W. Harwood, covering stone,	6.00
	<u>\$333.32</u>

CLEARING ROADS OF SNOW.

Paid H. G. Crosby,	\$63.13
G. W. Kingsbury,	64.49
A. B. Parker,	28.77
J. G. Wight,	100.16
C. H. Russell,	52.70
E. Day,	5.85
Hamlet Wight,	79.00
	<u>\$394.10</u>

NEW STREETS.

Paid C. H. Russell, grading in part,	\$600.00
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TOWN-HOUSE EXPENSES.

Paid E. T. Everett, for shavings,70
J. H. Baker & Co., gilding and lettering vane, . .	\$12.00
E. T. Everett, care of house,	58.12
L. M. Richards, for wood,	1.25
Gould & Co., for coal,	34.61
J. A. Fitts, for supplies, oil, etc.,	16.07
James Ord, for supplies,	4.03
T. L. Barney, oil-can,90
L. Babcock, stock and labor,	36.86
H. M. Parker, keys, etc.,	4.95
F. Rhodes, bill-board,	1.15
O. Clifford, supplies, horse hire, etc.,	20.00
L. W. Wheeler, covering stone,	2.00
L. W. Wheeler, carting and freight,	5.45
C. E. Bruce, laying brick,	65.74
John Clark, for brick,	75.60
J. H. Baker & Co., ladder, etc.,	6.85
J. S. Sherman, for curb and block stone,	139.92
R. W. Sherman, setting curbstone,	25.75
Fiske & Coleman, drain pipe,	57.71
G. W. Kingsbury, sand, gravel, and labor, . . .	7.00
H. M. Parker, lamp, hitch-posts, and lanterns, .	57.50
H. M. Parker, express,	5.50
H. M. Parker, drain pipe and express,50
H. M. Parker, stone,	3.25
C. T. Frost, labor,	10.20
C. H. Russell, grading,	109.90
B. F. Shumway, labor,	18.00
O. Clifford, labor,	10.20
O. Clifford, iron rail,	2.50
Wm. Ryan, iron work,	13.71
J. McGrory, labor,	7.00
D. Hoisington, clearing funnel, etc.,	3.85
D. Hoisington, loss on pipe,	4.40
O. Clifford, snow rail and clearing gutter, . . .	79.00

 \$902.17

Less drain pipe sold,	26.64
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 \$875.53

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid W. M. Hubbard, watching fires,	\$2.00
B. F. Crehore, 26 engine men,	182.00
E. L. Chenery, acct. Hook and Ladder Company,	12.60
H. G. Crosby, use of team at fires,	13.00
C. S. Coolidge, 13 men, Hook and Ladder Co.,	86.90
E. T. Everett, care of engine,	23.90
F. E. Mason, as engineer,	12.00
J. W. Shumway, as engineer,	12.00
A. B. Parker, as engineer,	12.00
H. P. Leland, watching fires,	2.00
H. M. Parker, express, etc.,	4.85
“ “ rubber coats and express,	10.75
James Boyd & Co., charges for extinguisher and repairing hose,	24.50
J. A. Fitts, refreshments at fire,	18.29
Wight & Dunn, for milk,70
George R. Keyes, care of engine,	7.55
G. A. Newell, watching fire,	2.00
Charles Lambert, watching fire,	2.00
E. A. Rhodes, watching fire,75
A. Gilbert, watching fire,	2.00
L. M. Richards, coal, Hook and Ladder,	10.00
L. M. Richards, coal, Engine Company,	5.25
W. F. Abell, ringing bell,	1.40
	<u>\$448.44</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Trustees, as per vote of Town,	\$200.00
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

At Almshouse,	\$1,655.02
Out of Almshouse,	469.76

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. C. Sewall, services as Clerk to March 1, 1883,	\$30.00
B. F. Shumway, Selectman to March 1, 1883,	90.00
O. Clifford, Selectman to March 1, 1883,	<u>30.00</u>
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$150.00
Paid G. W. Kingsbury, Selectman to March 1, 1883,	50.00
G. W. Kingsbury, Overseer of Poor,	30.00
A. E. Mason, Overseer of Poor,	25.00
C. E. Baker, Overseer of Poor,	10.00
W. F. Guild, Assessor,	30.00
Hamlet Wight, Assessor,	29.00
R. A. Battelle, Assessor,	30.00
R. A. Battelle, postage,	.21
M. H. Johnson, Collector, 1880, in full,	12.75
M. H. Johnson, Collector, 1881, in full,	13.75
M. H. Johnson, Collector, 1882, in part,	50.00
J. B. Hale, School Committee to March, 1882,	30.00
Wm. S. Tilden, School Committee to March, 1882,	25.00
H. F. Bullard, Constable,	7.00
T. L. Barney, Auditor, 1882,	1.50
G. R. Keyes, night watch,	198.00
George R. Weaver, night watch,	21.00
G. A. Newell, night watch,	16.50
Solon Curtis, night watch,	219.00
	<u>\$948.71</u>

INCIDENTALS.

Paid J. B. Hale, copying School Committee's Records,	\$15.00
J. B. Hale, making list of school children,	2.50
State Treasurer's corporation tax overpaid,	144.63
S. J. Spear, printing,	16.23
W. P. Clark, Administrator land on Green Street,	3.00
J. Johnston, clearing vaults,	2.50
Moses Ellis, Post G.A.R.,	50.00
H. M. Parker, handcuffs,	5.15
Geo. H. Ellis, printing Reports,	35.00
G. B. Thrasher, Referee,	1.00
M. H. Johnson, collector's book,	1.15
James Ord, dipper and chain for pump,	.68
Walpole tax,	1.26
Medway tax,	5.60
R. W. Sherman, boundary stone and labor, West Mill Street,	3.00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$286.70</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$286.70
Paid C. T. Frost, repairing town pump,	2.50
O. Clifford, horse hire,	3.40
O. M. Perrigo, care of town clock,	40.00
State tax,	1,120.00
J. B. Hale, insurance,	52.50
Chas. Hamant, insurance,	50.00
W. F. Guild, stationery,	1.50
Whitman & Breck, surveying road,	17.10
E. T. Everett, lighting lamps,	1.75
Hamlet Wight, land, West Mill Street,	10.00
Ira Moody, repairing scraper,	3.00
A. B. Parker, returning deaths,	4.75
A. B. Parker, freight,	.25
G. W. Kingsbury, stationery, postage,	4.34
C. C. Sewall, returning births, marriages, and deaths,	17.30
C. C. Sewall, record book,	1.00
C. C. Sewall, express and postage,	1.80
C. C. Sewall, attendance at Dover,	2.00
	<u>\$1,619.89</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid, Abatement of Taxes, 1880,	\$2.00
Abatement of Taxes, 1881,	33.25
	<u>\$35.25</u>
Total Receipts,	\$19,487.46
Total Payments,	16,250.23
	<u>\$3,237.23</u>

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1883, less legacy of \$100 of Mary T. Derby and of G. Cummings, \$1,000, held in trust,	\$2,137.23
Due from Taxes of 1882,	1,332.01
Due on account of Military Aid to Jan. 1, 1883,	39.62
Due on account of State Aid to Jan. 1, 1883,	146.50
	<u>\$3,655.36</u>

LIABILITIES.

Notes due, Trustees School Fund,	\$1,610.20
Outstanding Orders,	162.00
	<u>\$1,772.20</u>
Resources exceed Liabilities,	\$1,883.16

APPROPRIATION RAISED BY TAX.

For Schools,	\$2,400.00
Support of Poor,	1,000.00
Roads and Bridges,	1,200.00
Removing Snow,	300.00
General Expenses,	1,500.00
Public Library,	241.51
	<u>\$6,641.51</u>

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. SHUMWAY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
G. W. KINGSBURY,	
OLIVER CLIFFORD,	

of
Medfield.

Dr.

R. A. BATTELLE, Treasurer, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MEDFIELD.

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Receipts.

Feb. 1, 1882.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1882,	\$5,153.68
Cash in full for taxes of 1880,	432.97
Interest on taxes of 1880,	78.50
In full for taxes of 1881,	1,774.65
Interest on taxes of 1881,	62.26
On taxes of 1882,	6,415.00
Corporation tax,	1,039.03
National Bank tax,	714.10
Military Aid,	183.75
Rent of Town Hall,	107.00
Rent of stores,	456.12
Interest on School Fund,	224.05
Interest on State School Fund,	168.65
Dog license,	141.51
Milk on Town Farm,	958.02
Hay sold on Town Farm,	9.84
Pork sold on Town Farm,	141.35
Potatoes sold on Town Farm,	15.60
Poultry sold on Town Farm,	1.00
Cranberries sold on Town Farm,	264.00
Wagon sold on Town Farm,	16.00
Wood sold on Town Farm,	3.00
Calves sold on Town Farm,	33.85
Eggs sold on Town Farm,	.90
For drain pipe,	26.64
Overpaid snow bill,	4.50
Highway money refunded,	6.22
Guardian of M. A. Ricker,	55.27
Of the Geo. Cummings estate, in trust for Public Library,	1,000.00
	<u>\$19,487.46</u>

Payments.

By Cash paid on notes,	\$4,050.00
As interest,	269.16
State Aid,	146.50
Indigent soldiers and sailors,	79.25
For teaching schools,	2,181.00
For fuel, care, and supplies,	533.66
For repairs and furnishing school-houses,	191.95
For repairs of highways,	1,201.35
For repairs of bridges,	333.32
For clearing roads of snow,	394.10
For grading new street in part,	600.00
On account of Town House,	902.17
For Fire Department,	448.44
Trustees Public Library,	200.00
Support of poor at Almshouse,	1,645.74
Support of poor out of Almshouse,	469.76
For town officers,	948.71
Incidentals,	1,619.89
Abatement of taxes, 1880,	2.00
Abatement of taxes, 1881,	33.25
	<u>\$16,250.25</u>
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1883,	3,237.21

\$19,487.46

I have examined the above accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Medfield, and find them correct.

T. L. BARNEY, Auditor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

M. H. JOHNSON, *Collector for 1880, 1881, and 1882, IN ACCOUNT WITH*
Dr. TOWN OF MEDFIELD. *Cr.*

1880.		1881.	
To Uncollected Tax, Feb. 1, 1882, .	\$426.97	By Cash paid Treasurer in full, . .	\$432.97
Addition to commitment, . . .	6.00	Interest paid Treasurer in full, .	78 50
Interest collected in full, . . .	78.50		
	<u>\$511.47</u>		<u>\$511.47</u>
1881.		1881.	
To Uncollected Tax, Feb. 1, 1882, .	\$1,770.65	By Cash paid Treasurer in full, . .	\$1,774.65
Addition to commitment, . . .	4.00	Interest paid Treasurer in full, .	62.26
Interest collected in full, . . .	62.26		
	<u>\$1,836.91</u>		<u>\$1,836.91</u>
1882.		1882.	
To commitment for 1882,	\$8,415.34	By Cash paid Treasurer,	\$6,415 00
		Cash paid County Treasurer, .	668.33
		Uncollected Tax,	<u>1,332.01</u>
	<u>\$8,415.34</u>		<u>\$8,415.34</u>
MEDFIELD, Feb. 1, 1883.		M. H. JOHNSON, <i>Collector.</i>	

I have examined the above accounts, and find them correct.

T. L. BARNEY, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We respectfully present the following report of the condition of this department:—

Amount of Appraisal, Feb. 1, 1882,	\$2,334.37
Amount of Appraisal, Feb. 1, 1883,	2,424.37
Gain,	<u>\$90.00</u>

CASH PAYMENTS BY THE TREASURER.

E. A. Wheeler, cutting ice,	\$7.00
M. Brennan, " "	2.25
G. D. Everett, shorts and scraps,	112.28
Gould & Co., grain, flour, etc.,	212.43
G. W. Kingsbury, butchering hogs,	6.00
G. W. Kingsbury, grinding corn,	16.62
G. W. Kingsbury, labor on ice,	1.50
G. W. Winship, blacksmith,	1.05
Johnson Bros., groceries,	86.07
W. W. Wheelock, salary in full to April 1, 1882,	100.55
F. D. Hamant, on exchange of cows,	27.50
P. Gallagher, on exchange of cows,	70.00
P. W. Nelson, sawing lumber,	2.45
A. B. Parker, manure,	37.50
L. Babcock, paint stock,	7.12
C. T. Frost, repairing pump,75
W. W. Wheelock, on salary, 1882,	375.00
Joseph Breck, horse-hoe,	12.40
J. A. Fitts, groceries,	102.38
F. Rhodes, fish,	16.27
L. M. Richards, for coal,	13.00
Overseers, exchange of cows,	65.00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,275.12</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,275.12
James Ord, paper-hangings, etc.,	13.81
D. D. Curtis, sawing lumber,	1.07
H. M. Parker, for zinc,	2.75
Overseers, exchange of cows,	20.00
A. E. Mason, putting up cranberries,	7.00
“ “ 28 barrels,	7.00
E. Franks, for fish,	2.22
Wm. Ryan, blacksmith,	14.45
J. H. Baker & Co., buggy,	50.00
Overseers, for pump,	23.00
E. E. Newell, for meat,	46.62
E. Bullard, for meat,	45.78
Overseers, for pigs,	21.00
E. A. Wheeler, ice and cutting,	15.21
Richard Hiatt, rent of pasture,	5.00
G. M. Hanks, groceries,	31.49
T. L. Barney, groceries,	56.72
A. E. Mason, carting and packing ice,	7.50
	<u>\$1,645.74</u>

CASH RECEIPTS BY TREASURER.

FROM TOWN FARM.

Received from the Overseers for	
Milk,	\$958.02
Cranberries,	264.00
Pork,	141.35
Potatoes,	15.60
Hay,	9.84
Wagon,	16.00
Fowls,	1.00
Eggs,	.90
Wood,	3.00
Calves,	33.85
	<u>\$1,443.56</u>
Total payments by Treasurer,	\$1,645.74
Due W. W. Wheelock, on salary to Feb. 1, 1883,	66.67
	<u>\$1,712.41</u>

Total receipts by Treasurer,	\$1,443.56
Gain in Appraisal from last year,	90.63
Providing for thirty-three tramps,	6.60
	<u>\$1,540.79</u>

Payments exceed Receipts,	\$171.62
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Paupers in Almshouse, 2.
 Silas Allen, 88 years. Arthur Bailey, 28 years.

Average number of Paupers, 2.

Average cost per week, \$1.65.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse : —

Paid D. P. Bird & Co., goods furnished C. A. Kings-	
bury,	\$3.00
Dr. A. J. Runnels, medical services,	15.00
A. B. Parker, funeral expenses of Wm. Clark, . .	15.90
Worcester Lunatic Asylum, board of S. M. Bullard,	186.18
Taunton Asylum, board of M. A. Ricker, . . .	55.27
Taunton Asylum, board of Wm. Clark,	34.69
Taunton Asylum, board of S. L. Woods,	152.72
D. H. Murphy, goods delivered to C. A. Kings-	
bury,	7.00
	<u>\$469.76</u>

G. W. KINGSBURY, } *Overscers of*
 A. E. MASON, } *the Poor.*

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Cash in hands of Committee, Feb. 1, 1882,	\$34.75
Cash received for grass sold,	<u>3.00</u>
	<u>\$7.73</u>
 Paid Joseph Clark, labor,	 <u>\$12.38</u>
Cash in hands of Committee, Feb. 1, 1883.	<u>\$25.37</u>

A number of lots have been bargained for, but deeds have not been taken.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. SHUMWAY, G. W. KINGSBURY, OLIVER CLIFFORD, A. B. PARKER,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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REPORT OF ENGINEERS.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

Gentlemen,—We beg leave to report our department in good condition.

The Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies are well officered, well organized, and ready to respond to every call of duty. We have one thousand feet of linen hose, eight hundred of which are good.

We recommend the purchase of three hundred feet more of new this year, which will add very much to our power for good,—either as one long line where water is distant, or for a double stream when such is practicable.

MEDFIELD FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 1.

Foreman.

P. C. GROVER.

First Assistant.

T. F. BARNEY.

Second Assistant.

F. M. SMITH.

Steward.

E. O. GROVER.

Clerk and Treasurer.

B. F. CREHORE.

Members.

A. A. BLAKE.
A. J. BABCOCK.
W. H. BULLARD.
CHARLES BOOTH.
J. H. BRIGHAM.
H. G. CROSBY.
DAVID CUTTER.
SOLON CURTIS.
A. C. GILBERT.
WILLIAM FITZGERALD.
R. GETCHELL.
C. GETCHELL.
JOHN GARIETY.
L. A. HAYNES.

J. HAMILTON.
A. D. KINGSBURY.
HENRY MANN.
J. W. MARTIN.
JOHN MORRILL.
WILLIAM PAREY.
G. H. THOMPSON.
F. W. HEAL.
W. F. WEIKER.
JOHN WEST.
GEO. F. MITCHELL.
CHARLES MURDOCK.
J. G. WIGHT.
FRED BILLMAN.

Number of members, including officers, 33

EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

Foreman.

E. BULLARD.

First Assistant.

E. FRANKS.

Second Assistant.

W. F. HARDING.

Clerk.

W. S. BINGHAM.

Treasurer.

G. E. PETTIS.

Steward.

G. W. GAMBLE.

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E. L. CHENERY.

F. E. WYMAN.

L. C. BULLARD.

T. L. WOOD.

H. W. GILMORE.

J. LANEGAN.

E. A. RODGERS.

T. ARGUIN.

W. V. RICHARDS.

E. CODDING.

E. A. RHODES.

Number of members, including officers, 17

ALARMS.

March 14, 9.55 A.M., French's Mill, north part of town.

April 8, 8.15 P.M., Ruby Jones' Barn, Green Street.

April 26, 10.45 P.M., D. D. Curtis Co. Straw Shop.

April 30, 2.25 P.M., D. L. Stain House, Pleasant Street.

July 3, 10.40 P.M., Hay Stack, South Street.

August 30, 4 P.M., Brush, back of McGrory's.

F. E. MASON,

J. W. SHUMWAY,

A. B. PARKER,

} *Engineers.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

It is our sad duty this year as last to report the death of another member of the Board of Trustees. In the death of Isaac Fiske, the Library has lost a faithful friend. He has been an active member of the Board since its organization, and his associates deeply feel their loss.

The Library we believe to be in a prosperous condition and satisfactorily meeting a want that can in no other way be filled. The books are apparently better used than during the first years of its existence, and the number of books issued on the increase. One of the marked improvements—and it is a very satisfactory one—is the greater demand on the part of the younger readers for history, books of travel, and a higher grade in works of fiction than in previous years. More shelf room will be demanded this year to prevent injury to books from overcrowding, and make room for new ones, which can be done at small expense. A summary of the financial condition as found on the books of our late Treasurer is as follows:—

ISAAC FISKE, *Treasurer, in Account with the* TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Payments.</i>	
1882.		1882.	
Feb. 1.	To balance in the Treasury, \$144.67	Mar. 7.	By cash paid for 1,000 cards, \$4.00
1883.		Mar. 7.	Expenses in collecting
Jan. 4.	To cash of Town Treasurer, 200.00		legacy and donation, . 2.12
		Sept. 25.	Cash paid for binding, . 26.00
			Cash paid for 57 vols., . 68.62
		1883.	
		Jan. 3.	Cash paid Librarian, . 75 00
			<u>\$175.74</u>
	<u>\$344.67</u>	Feb. 1.	Balance, \$168.93

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

J. H. RICHARDSON.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS REGISTERED IN MEDFIELD DURING THE YEAR 1882.

MARRIAGES.

Joseph E. Ryan, } Mary Cameron, }	Medfield.	G. Fred. Gilley, } Ella M. Taber, }	Medfield.
J. W. Carson, } Anna M. Sanborn, }	New York. Medfield.	Herbert W. Gould, } Carrie Bell Lander, }	Medfield.
Edward E. Newell, } Florence Pember, }	Medfield. Walpole.	William C. Allen, } Abby B. Kern, }	Medfield. Medway.
Charles E. Bigelow, } Lilian J. Hale, }	Danielsonville, Medfield. [Ct.	Albert C. Lovering, } Charlotte E. Richardson, }	Medfield.
Michael Tobin, } Anna Dougherty, }	Medfield.	Samuel R. Scott, } Myra E. Coolidge, }	Englewood, Ill. Medfield.

Whole number, 10.

BIRTHS.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan. 20.	Bertha W. Kingsbury.	William E. and Isabella F. Kingsbury.
Feb. 18.	Lawton Kingsbury.	Albert D. and Anna H. Kingsbury.
Feb. 18.	William Curtis Ryan.	William and Hughena R. Ryan.
Feb. 26.	Mary Louisa Brennan.	Michael and Bridget K. Brennan.
April 19.	Alice Mabel Middlemas.	James and Mary A. Middlemas.
May 18.	Male.	Lewis L. and Nora H. Adams.
May 24.	Charles Lester Bullard.	Lester C. and Maria M. Bullard.
Aug. 20.	Grace Amelia Warner.	Charles and Elizabeth E. W. Warner.
Aug. 26.	Lilla Ellis Wilson.	Bennet and Eliza R. S. Wilson.
Sept. 2.	Horace Wellington Allen.	William C. and Abby D. K. Allen.
Oct. 5.	Harry Hamilton Brigham.	Joseph H. and Mary E. H. Brigham.
Oct. 13.	William Erskine Ord.	John W. and Elizabeth P. M. Ord.
Oct. 14.	Lily Ann Maria Arguin.	Thomas C. and Mary Jane C. Arguin.
Nov. 10.	Female.	Edwin H. and Mary E. W. Ellis.
Nov. 22.	Elizabeth Pember Newell.	Edward E. and Florence P. Newell.
Dec. 1.	Mabel Guild.	William F. and Elizabeth M. P. Guild.
Dec. 1.	Charles Vincent Franks.	Ellery and Emma F. Franks.
Dec. 16.	Female.	Benjamin W. and Emma G. Dalton.

Whole number, 18.

DEATHS.

		DISEASE.	AGE.
Jan. 3.	Ida May Zanes,	Pneumonia.	1 yr. 0 mos. 24 days.
Jan. 3.	Ralph Johnson,	Softening of brain.	54 yrs. 4 mos. 21 days.
Feb. 17.	William Clark,	Insanity.	55 yrs. 1 mo. 22 days.
Feb. 27.	Mary W. Dalton,	Cancer.	58 yrs. 7 mos. 5 days.
Mar. 22.	Richard Cole,	Heart disease.	70 yrs. 6 mos. 5 days.
Mar. 25.	William H. Adams,	Septicæmia.	53 yrs. 5 mos. 25 days.
Mar. 26.	Seth E. Williams,	Paralysis.	71 yrs. 10 mos. 17 days.
Mar. 30.	Charles E. Hale,	Drowned.	19 yrs. 6 mos. 27 days.
Mar. 30.	Arthur W. Wight,	Drowned.	17 yrs. 6 mos. 30 days.
April 26.	Francis D. Ellis,	Old age.	86 yrs. 7 mos. 23 days.
May 20.	Male child of Lewis and N. H. Adams,	Intestinal obstruction.	2 mos. 4
May 30.	Clara A. Doyen,	Consumption.	34 yrs. 5 mos. 18 days.
June 28.	William M. Richards,	Apoplexy.	68 yrs. 6 mos.
Aug. 31.	William F. Richards,		69 yrs. 9 mos. 23 days.
Sept. 3.	Henry Smith,	Bright's disease.	66 yrs.
Sept. 28.	Amos P. Kingsbury,	Cancer.	74 yrs. 7 mos. 12 days.
Nov. 10.	Mary A. Tufts,	Heart disease.	53 yrs. 9 mos. 20 days.
Nov. 11.	George P. Miller,	Accident.	79 yrs. 1 mo. 8 days.
Nov. 22.	John T. Fitzgerald,	Consumption.	19 yrs. 6 mos. 18 days.
Dec. 18.	Minnie G. Grover,	Typhoid fever.	14 yrs. 2 mos. 16 days.

Whole number, 20.

Over 80 years of age,	1	Between 30 and 50 years of age, . . .	1
Between 70 and 80 years of age, . . .	4	Between 10 and 30 years of age, . . .	4
Between 60 and 70 years of age, . . .	3	Under 10 years of age,	2
Between 50 and 60 years of age, . . .	5		

CHARLES C. SEWALL, *Registrar.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF MEDFIELD

For the Year 1882-83.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report. We have been deprived of the services of Mr. W. S. Tilden since the commencement of the fall term, by his absence from town. His continued absence led him to resign his position early in the winter term, the vacancy by the concurrence of the Selectmen and School Committee remaining open until the town should fill it at the March meeting. Mr. Tilden had become the most active member on the Committee. Entering into the management of the schools with his usual energy and zeal, he was able to accomplish much good, and was a great loss to the board.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The North School-house has been new-shingled, a new stove put in the ante-room, and is in good order.

The South Building has required very little outlay, but will soon need a new set of curtains and a new stove, the present one having become cracked on the bottom, so that it may be unsafe.

The Centre House is in good order, needing only the usual minor repairs. The removal of the partition by vote of the town last year made a nice room for the Intermediate School. Your Committee tried faithfully and long, earnestly seconded by the teachers, to run the two schools in this room: but, after months of trial, it was found to be so great a detriment to both schools, that another room was hired of Mr. Barney, and the Primary School with its furniture moved thereto. The improvement in both schools since the separation fully justify the Committee in this action.

SALARIES.

The Committee, by a unanimous vote, raised the salary of the Primary, Intermediate, and North teachers, who have remained with us so long, doing good service, to ten dollars per week, the price formerly paid, thinking it but an act of justice to them for long and faithful service. While this increase has been made, it has been saved at other points, so that the balance to the credit of schools will be found to be a trifle larger than one year ago. No increase of appropriation will be needed.

SUPERVISION.

Very much is said and written on the matter of supervision in our schools. Many are the plans suggested and in practice.

No one will deny the necessity of a large manufactory, mercantile, or other business needing a head who can plan for and direct systematically its operations. In no other way can the best results be attained in return for the outlay. Neither will many deny that the cities and large towns can show greater improvement and efficiency by the employment of capable superintendents. It is brought forward by those who are earnestly laboring for the best good of all our schools in the State, that the smaller towns, equally with the larger ones, need this supervision; and, inasmuch as the expense for capable men (if they are to be found) would be too heavy for each town to have one, that the difficulty is to be overcome by having one man supervise the schools of several towns, going from one to another. If teachers were all cast in one mould, all seeing, thinking, and acting alike, an occasional visit *might* keep them running in the groove they were placed in; but this could only be by sinking all individuality, enthusiasm, and love for their work into mere machines, to follow directions. Should any credit pertain to the schools, it is plain who would claim it instead of the teacher, thus sinking all ambition.

Again, in order that this machine work should be perfect, it would need* that all the pupils should also be cast in the same uniform ways of thinking and acting, which (unfortunately for the machine) they are not, and cannot be.

Notwithstanding all the wisdom of the fathers who framed our laws, and that of their successors, it still takes about so long every year to tinker up old, and pass new laws to meet the circumstances of the differences in human nature.

We need supervision to secure *oneness of purpose* in all our educational endeavors.

Each town makes its appropriation for schools, which, generally, they are not niggardly in.

Each town has citizens in it who are capable of knowing what their town wants and demands in the education of the young. Let *them* be induced to take the direction of the schools, well sustained by the community, by visiting the schools and assisting the teachers; and, with the facilities we have for providing an abundance of good teachers to select from, who shall say each town is not capable of doing for itself in this respect all it desires to have done, without outside interference?

If the town demands good schools and is willing to sustain them, with the right men on the boards of School Committee, it would have them.

A well-arranged "course of study," adapted to the wants of the town, and conformed to as closely as circumstances will allow, furnishes a point to which all the teachers may direct their labors, and still be free to pursue their own course, under reasonable supervision, in reaching it.

Why may not this supervision be made by home talent, living among and understanding the wishes of the community, as well as by some one who will have no local interest in any town he may labor in, unless it may be to retain his own position over all?

PRIMARY.

This school has been fortunate in retaining the services of Mrs. Dunn, and, in its new quarters, is doing excellent work, meeting fully the expectations of the Committee, as well as of the parents who intrust their little ones to her care. Too much importance cannot be placed upon the work in this, the starting-point, in acquiring the knowledge which is to aid so largely the pupils in our schools to whatever of usefulness they may attain to in after life.

INTERMEDIATE.

This school, under the experienced eye of Miss Richards, is making very commendable progress. Especially is this so, since they have had the room entirely to themselves. The teacher is earnest and faithful in her work, and we feel justified in expecting the best results from her labors. The improvement in reading, spelling, and geography is noteworthy.

This school suffers from non-attendance of pupils, as do others; and the results, when they come to the examination for promotion, will not be satisfactory to some who so gladly absent themselves from school on the slightest pretext. There can be but one course: if scholars fall behind their classes, they must drop back to the one below, while their classmates go ahead.

UPPER.

Mr. Bentley closed his connection with this school at the end of the spring term.

The fall term opened with Mr. C. E. Griffin as master, who came to us well recommended. While this school has been doing good work, there is room for improvement in some respects, which we have no doubt will be remedied in a measure, if not entirely, with a few weeks more time. The scholars in this school, being many of them the oldest in our schools, we hope, by the aid they may receive from parents at home, will heartily second the efforts of the teacher to make this, what it should be, the best school in town.

NORTH.

This school maintains well its reputation of former years, under the continued labors of Miss E. Bowers. The Committee were pleased to be able to secure the services for another year of one who unites in herself so many of the elements needed to make up the good teacher. No effort seems to be made in government, and yet there is not a better governed school in town.

SOUTH.

This school commenced the year under Miss Jennie Clark, with good anticipations of success; but, at the close of the first week, she felt she must resign. The services of Miss Ellen Clifford were, very fortunately, secured to complete the term without any interruption, and to the entire satisfaction of the Committee and parents.

Miss Clifford's services not being available for the winter term, Miss Lucy A. Russell, of Brookline, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School, was employed. While regretting the change of teachers so often, although unavoidable, we are glad to say the school has continued through the year in a prosperous condition, and is doing good work.

PARENTS VISITING SCHOOLS.

Parents have often been reminded of the advantage there is in frequent visits, on their part, to the schools. It is not generally considered how much this has to do with the proper culture of the young. It is a real and efficient help. It cultivates confidence. It tends to punctuality, studiousness, and induces good conduct. Where schools are frequently visited by parents and friends, the children feel under a certain wholesome restraint, while at the same time they learn to throw off that painful bashfulness and diffidence which is such a drawback in later life, if not early overcome. Moreover, in the presence of others besides teacher and companions, they come to acquire an ease and freedom of expression and manner, which is so much more to be desired than the awkwardness and confusion manifested in schools which are not so visited.

If parents have any interest in the improvement of their children, let them make the sacrifice of spending an occasional hour in visiting our schools, not officiously, but with the interest of a wise parent and a good citizen. Do this: kindly enforce the attendance of your children on every session of the schools, unless there is a *necessity* for them to be out, and you will assist Committee and teachers in attaining better results than ever before.

INSTITUTE.

The Institute held here in the fall, under the auspices of the State Board of Education, was well attended by teachers and committees from surrounding towns, and was the means of much good in the very able presentation of means and methods of instruction by the Honorable Secretary of the Board, Hon. Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Walton, and others.

The lecture by the Rev. Mr. Mayo was one to interest all in the community. We regret that sufficient notice was not given to induce a larger audience to hear him.

We take this opportunity to thank all who so generously assisted in providing the entertainment for the many strangers who accepted the invitation of the Committee to be present.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of those not Absent or Tardy for the whole of One Term.

Edward Abell, Lizzie Cromwell, Cassie Sullivan, George Payson, Gracie Parker, Harry Marsh, Lillie Adams, Flora Crane, Annie

Morrill, Ellen Meany, Essie Thompson, Bennie Crehore, Eddie Franks, Daniels Hamant, Josie Roberts, Eddie Bingham, Irving Crosby, Guy Hartt, Freddie West, Lena Allen, Eva Howe, David Miller, Henry Ellis, Minnie Strang, Eddie Lambert, Willie Smith, Fannie Babcock, Mary Callahan, Hattie Baker, Vesta Allen, Thomas Lambert, Delia Lambert, Maggie Callahan.

Names of those not Absent or Tardy for Two Terms.

Fred Wood, Alex Daniels, Willis Ricker, Pearl Brigham, Cora Crosby, Marion Leeds, Agnes Ord, Orra Guild, Alice Wight, Charles Ellis, Amos Mason, Alick Wight, Clara Munroe, Waldo Kingsbury, Freddie Phelps, Allie Clark.

Names of those not Absent or Tardy for Three Terms.

Affie Hanks, Arthur Morrill, Annie Guild, Samuel Guild, May Hamant, Mary Babcock, Delano Hamant.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1882-83.

Schools.	Length of School in Weeks.			Wages of Teachers per Month.			Whole No. of Scholars.			Average Attendance.			No. of Scholars under 5 years of age.	No. of different Scholars over 15 years of age.
	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.		
Upper,	14	12	12	\$90.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	41	40	33	30	33	27	0	8
Grammar,	14	12	12	36.00	40.00	40.00	50	38	37	36	34	34	0	0
Primary,	14	12	12	36.00	40.00	40.00	54	41	36	34	36	27	0	0
North,	14	12	12	36.00	40.00	40.00	30	32	36	22	27	29	2	2
South,	14	12	12	36.00	36.00	36.00	23	28	29	20	24	27	0	0

J. B. HALE, (School
WM. F. GUILD,) Committee.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN-MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, SS.

TO HINSDALE F. BULLARD, one of the constables of the town of Medfield, in the county of Norfolk, *Greeting*:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Medfield, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Medfield, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at twelve o'clock, noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the Annual Reports of the Selectmen and other town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, town ways, and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To determine the mode of collecting the taxes for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to charge interest; and, if so, what interest upon all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of December next.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all such means for the collection of the taxes as the Treasurer might, if appointed Collector.

ART. 9. To see if the town will approve of the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to hire a keeper of the Almshouse for the year 1884.

ART. 11. To see if the town will, or will not, authorize licenses to sell intoxicating liquors to be granted for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see if the town will make any appropriation for the expenses of Decoration Day.

ART. 13. To see if the town will make any appropriation for the Public Library for the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to hire a night-watch for the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see if the town will determine the compensation of the Fire Department during the ensuing year.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize the purchase of one or more road-scrapers for the use of the town.

ART. 17. To see if the town will change the place for posting town warrants to the Town House.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in the usual place for posting warrants in said town, at least ten days before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

B. F. SHUMWAY,)
OLIVER CLIFFORD,) *Selectmen of*
 Medfield.

